

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

THERMAL SCALPEL LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

COVIDIEN LTD. et al.,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:08-cv-312

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

THIRD JOINT MOTION TO STAY DEADLINES

Come now Plaintiff Thermal Scalpel LLC and Defendants Boston Scientific Corp. and Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc., (the “BSC parties”), and St. Jude Medical, Inc. and St. Jude Medical S.C. Inc. (“the St. Jude parties”),¹ and file this Third Joint Motion to Stay Deadlines:

In August, 2009, following mediations with Judge Faulkner of JAMS, Thermal Scalpel LLC, the BSC parties, and the St. Jude parties reached agreement on nearly all terms of potential settlements of this case. As a result, on October 9, 2009, the parties requested a 30-day stay of case deadlines, which the Court granted on October 13, 2009.

On November 11, 2009 the parties requested an additional two week extension to conclude the negotiation process, which the Court granted on November 12, 2009.

The parties have completed settlement negotiations and are in the process of exchanging signatures on the negotiated settlement agreements. The parties expect to file formal dismissals once the signature pages are signed and certain obligations related to the settlement agreements are performed. The parties believe that forty five (45) days will allow sufficient time to complete this process and file formal dismissals with the Court.

¹ Thermal Scalpel, the BSC parties, and the St. Jude parties are the only parties remaining in this case.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Court issue a further order staying all case deadlines for an additional forty five (45) days.

Dated: November 25, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record in this matter in compliance with Local Rule CV-5(a). As a result, this document was served upon all counsel who has consented to electronic service under Local Rule CV-5(a) (3) (A), on this 25th day of November, 2009.

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